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All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day: Remembering Those We Love

All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1, is a special day in the Episcopal Church when we remember and give thanks for all the saints of God, those known and unknown who have lived lives of faith and shared Christ's love with the world. It is a day of remembrance, gratitude, and hope as we celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us and reflect on the enduring promise of God's love.

Saints are not only well-known figures of the Bible or Church history. They are also the family members, friends, teachers, mentors, and members of our church family whose kindness, generosity, courage, and faith have touched our lives. All Saints' Day reminds us that we are part of a larger family of faith, connected to generations of people who have worshiped, prayed, served, and loved before us. Their influence lives on through the memories we cherish and the love we continue to share.

In the Episcopal Church, this day is also an opportunity to remember those who have died and to give thanks for the promise of resurrection through Jesus Christ. Although losing someone we love brings grief, our faith offers hope in the promise that death does not have the final word and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Today, at St. Mark's, we pause to remember those who have died during the past year. Each name represents a life that mattered, a story that touched others, and a legacy that continues. We remember beloved members of our parish family, loved ones, teachers, and others whose lives made a difference. We also hold in our hearts those whose names may be unknown to us, including children and others whose lives were taken by violence and tragedy.

As we remember these individuals, we give thanks for the love they shared and the ways they shaped our lives. May this day remind us to cherish those around us, extend kindness whenever we can, and honor the legacy of those who have gone before us by continuing to share Christ's love with our church family and the world.

Today, we remember with love and gratitude those who have died during the past year: as their names appear on the front of our bulletin and on the cloth on our altar. May their memories be a blessing, may their lives continue to inspire us, and may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

WELCOME

Prelude *Air From Water Music* ***Handel***

Processional Hymn *For All The Saints* **Hymn 287**

ACCLAMATION
Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Gloria in Excelsis* **Hymn S280**

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to God's people on earth
Lord God, Heavenly King
Almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer,
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**.

THE FIRST LESSON *(Please be seated.)* **Revelation 7:9-17**

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

“They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; *let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him and be radiant, *and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction; the Lord heard me *and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *and will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *happy are they who trust in him!
9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON **1 John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*Please stand.*) *Guide Me, OThou Great Jehovah* **Hymn 690**

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON **The Rev. Jenny Newman**

(A period of silence follows the sermon.)

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand.*) **Sing to the tune Hymn 686**

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame,
virgin born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
We shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People
Let us pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world: We pray especially for Diocesan staff of Calvary Episcopal Church and Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America . Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Amy, Ann, Anne, Bill, Bonnie, Carol, Caroline, Catherine, Clydette, Diana, Duane, Gary, Glenda, Hollis, Jeff, Jim, Linda, Lori, Mary, Mike, Molly, Nicolas, Palmer, Patrick, Patti, Patty, Steven, Rick, and those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts (*names are offered silently or aloud).* Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those whose names cover our altar today, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant We pray also in gratitude for the many gifts offered by your saints and for those offered in their memory, particularly those that funded the purchase of these chairs for our church.

All Almighty and eternal God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we give you thanks for the lives of those in whose memory these gifts have been offered. May their witness to your love and grace inspire us always to walk in faith, hope, and charity. We dedicate these gifts to your glory, asking that they may be used in your holy Church for the building up of your people, the strengthening of our worship, and the proclamation of your Gospel. Sanctify these offerings, we pray, and grant that those who gave them, and those who are remembered by them, may forever abide in your light and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Peace
Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

(All greet one another in the Peace of Christ, after which they take their seats.)

Announcements **Vestry Person on Duty**

Gracious God, we thank You for all those celebrating birthdays in November: Cassandra, Linda, Aidan, Jim, Harriette, John, Louis, Margie, Jim, Howard, Mark, Barbara, Toni, Duffy, Barney, Blaine, Missy, Wendy, Eliza, Tom, Carol, Jason, Barbara, Anne, Lynn, Patsy, Bill, Ginni, Roy, Cindy, Jeanne, Mike, Larry, T.C., Tom, Liz, Mary, and Ed.

Bless them with good health, lasting joy, and the comfort of Your presence in the year ahead. May they continue to grow in faith, be surrounded by love, and find Your blessings in both the ordinary moments and the extraordinary days. Guide them in Your wisdom, strengthen them with Your grace, and remind them always how deeply they are loved. May the year ahead be filled with hope, peace, and countless reasons to give thanks.

In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *As the Deer*
(Please stand as the offering is taken to the altar.)

Presentation Hymn **Hymn 380**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* **Hymn S125**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat:This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.
Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION (*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.)*

Fraction Anthem **Hymn S154**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Invitation to Communion
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.
Behold what you are, the Body of Christ.
Become what you receive, the Body of Christ.

This is God's table. All are welcome!

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

There is no "correct" way to receive communion; you cannot mess it up. Typically, one holds out one's hand to receive the bread. You may either consume the bread and sip the wine from the chalice or intinct (dip) the bread into the wine. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may still go forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

Communion Hymn *Taste And See* **WLP 764**

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In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
(Repeat three times. Stand on the third round.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please stand.)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE BLESSING

Recessional Hymn *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* **Hymn 618**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* **Hymn 618**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of all the saints who have gone before us this year. May their lives, love, and faith continue to inspire us, and may they rest in the eternal peace of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, VISITORS! We're glad you could join us this morning. Visitor name tags are available from the ushers. Please fill out an information card if you'd like to be contacted, placed on our mailing list, and/or receive a permanent name tag. A member of the Vestry will be out front after the service to answer any questions you may have. We also have a little gift for you!

NURSERY (3 & under) and CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (4 & up) is located at the Center during the 10 a.m. service.

RESTROOMS are located off the community room adjoining the back of the church and are accessible during the service via the outside ramp to the side door

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY We'll be collecting food **TODAY** for HELP of Beaufort. Jack Nietert, who volunteers at HELP, reports their shelves are quite empty! They are in need of canned meat (tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.), soups and hearty soups that can serve as a meal, canned fruit, healthy snacks, and canned vegetables. They do NOT need any type of bean, however. Jack also shared that they are very low on fresh and frozen meat. We are not equipped to collect and deliver such items, but if you desire to donate fresh or frozen meat, they will be happy to accept them during their daily open hours (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., M - F). Thank you for giving!

CRAFT SALE FOR A CAUSE Join Jack and Chris Nietert at St. Mark's on **Sunday, Nov. 1**, for a special craft sale! Browse a variety of handmade crafts perfect for Christmas gifts, or find something unique to enhance your home. Even better, 100 percent of all sales will benefit the Zariki School in Tanzania, making this a wonderful opportunity to support a meaningful cause while shopping locally. The sale will take place after the 9 a.m. service and before and after the 11 a.m. service. Stop by, explore the beautiful creations, and help make a difference in the lives of students in Tanzania. Your purchases will bring a little extra joy to your holiday season while supporting a worthy ministry!

WE BELIEVE – I Haven't Pledged Before. Where Do I Start? During the annual giving campaign, We Believe, a pledge of any amount is important. Remember the widow's mite and how valuable it was in Jesus' parable (Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4)? Those who can give more might adopt the spiritual discipline of tithing. The Bible defines a tithe as 10 percent (of pre- or post-tax income – that's up to you). Perhaps you're somewhere in between. That's good too. Each year you might challenge yourself to work your way toward the Biblical tithe. Giving can be a spiritual discipline of remembering that all that is, is God's anyway, no matter how hard we might work for it. Together our gifts enable us to take on God's mission in ways no individual could. As of this week, 46 families have pledged $193,000 toward the $470,000 pledge goal. If you need a pledge card, there are extras at the doors of the church and on the nametag table. You can also stop by or call the office during the week. The campaign ends Nov. 8.

NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION St. Mark's annual Newcomers' Reception will be hosted by our vestry and parish staff on **Sunday, Nov. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m.** This is an invitation to those that have visited or attended our services for the first time over the past year. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet the church's leaders, connect with other members, and learn more about life at St. Mark's.

All newcomers who have provided their contact information will be receiving an email with more specifics from Jane Abrams (843-441-1879). If you would like to attend and have not yet given us your contact information, please fill out a card from the greeters' table, and we will be in touch with you shortly. We look forward to extending the hand of faith and community to each of you.

ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO...200 POTATOES OR MORE! A friendly reminder that we are partnering with HELP of Beaufort (their Giving Project), United Way, The Salvation Army and several other area churches and organizations to provide 600+ meals this Thanksgiving to area families in need. We have made a commitment to provide 200 bags or boxes of instant potatoes. Can we, our small parish, do this? YES, we can! But we need your support! Please bring your bags and boxes of instant potatoes to church on Sundays or to the Center during business hours. Please separate the instant potatoes from your regular food donations, **Our collection deadline is Nov. 8.** The Outreach and Mission Committee will then deliver the items to HELP on Monday, Nov. 9. Thank you for your unending support of our Lowcountry neighbors.

PRIDE SERVICE On S**aturday, Nov. 14**, St. Mark's will join the Lowcountry Pride Festival in Port Royal, celebrating the dignity and belovedness of our LGBTQ+ siblings. Visit our booth from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., then join us for a Pride service at St. Mark's at 5:30 p.m., followed by a reception.

As Episcopalians, we believe all people are made in the image of God and are beloved by God. Participating in Pride is one way we live out our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being and show our community that all are welcome at St. Mark's. **Volunteers are needed** for the festival booth, setup and cleanup, reception, and service lector roles. To help, contact Carter Hoyt at choyt@stmarksportroyal.org. Come help us share Christ's love boldly and joyfully!

UPDATED SAFETY POLICY Now that we have chairs in the nave, we've updated our emergency exit policy to meet fire codes. **Starting Nov. 1**, aisles and exits must stay clear during worship. Anyone using a walker, wheelchair, or other mobility device is asked to sit in the designated accessible seating across from the choir, where chairs can be removed to accommodate mobility devices. You are welcome to use your device as you come forward for communion, or the Eucharist can be brought to you by the clergy and Eucharistic ministers. This keeps all of us safe! Scan the QR code for the full policy.

FOCUS GROUPS You're invited to our Fall Focus Groups! We are excited to have you join the journey as we discern God's calling for St. Mark's together. This is your chance to share your voice, listen to neighbors, and feast on food and friendship while we explore what God is calling us to become. **Save These Dates!** All gatherings are at **11 a.m.** at St. Mark's, following the weekly yoga class. **Nov. 21:** *What Is St. Mark's Calling?* How does Christ's mission inspire our unique purpose here in Beaufort? **Dec. 5:** *Dreaming Forward Together*. We'll synthesize our insights to draft a mission statement that captures our shared spirit before Christmas break.

THE REV. DEACON KEN KRAFT IS RETIRING! Following consultation with Bishop Ruth, Deacon Ken will be retiring from parish ministry. His last Sunday with us will be **Nov. 22**. We will have a reception for him between the services and the loose offering that Sunday will go to support the KAIROS prison ministry with which he has faithfully worked and will continue to work. Ken has been with St. Mark's since its very early days, and our communal life has been greatly enriched through his faithful service. Come help us celebrate his ministry on Nov. 22!!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ST. MARK'S Join us at St. Mark's on **Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 4 p.m.** for a special Thanksgiving service. As we gather with grateful hearts, we will give thanks for God's many blessings, the gift of community, and the love we share as a church family. All are welcome to join us for this time of worship, reflection, and thanksgiving as we begin the holiday together.

PILGRIMAGE 2027 What if the journey you're longing for isn't about seeing something new, but learning to see everything differently? This April, Little Coracles (the pilgrimage company Rev. Jenny and her colleague own and lead) invites you to walk the Portuguese Coastal Way to Santiago de Compostela, making space to slow down, notice, wonder, and experience the sacred in the ordinary. **April 15–27, 2027.** Come walk with us. Come wonder with us. Discover the journey by emailing Jenny at rector@stmarksportoyal.org.

GIVING AT ST. MARK'S At St. Mark's, we understand the importance of sharing our tithes, gifts, and talents to support the life and ministry of our parish. To make giving easier and more convenient, we are pleased to offer the opportunity to make a financial contribution online. If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. Mark's Parish, simply scan the QR code below with your smartphone. Your generosity helps make our worship, ministries, outreach, and mission possible. **Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Mark's!**

SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE TO THE MINISTRY OF ST. MARKS

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR : Mary Bryan, Bonnie Connolly, Molly Wolford, Linda Jones, Duane Twenge, Mike Domby, Jim Sweeney, Hollis, Ann Frias, Amy Christian, Patty Crower, Clydette McDaniel, Catherine Guerrero, Steven Sonders, Gary Mac New, Molly Ferguson, Nicolas Nehf, Bill Crower, Palmer Jones, Glenda Jones, Caroline Bambard, Lori Pinkham, Carol Whitworth, Rick Kroncke, Patrick Numair, Diana Domby Howell, Anne Errington, Jeff Fahrner, and Patti Teter.

PLEASE PRAY ALSO for friends of St. Mark's parishioners: Rhonda Adams, Nadija Peterson and Selia Fields (our two St. Mark's scholarship recipients), Adam, Barbara Atkins, Tom Tull, Gary McGraw, The Rev. Brian Pearson, Will Guerrero, Jesus Ramirez, and Jason Niblett.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS St. Mark's would like to wish a very happy birthday to **Cassandra Knoppel (3), Linda Chappell (4), Aidan Wilson (4), Jim Berry (6), Harriette Gause (6), John Olson (6), Louis Bruce (7), Margie Gallina (8), Jim Rowe (8), Howard Brosseau (9), Mark Kube (11), Barbara Kaines (12), Toni Pennington (12), James Duffy (13), Barney Forsythe (13), Blaine Phillips (14), Missy Smith (14), Wendy Moore (16), Eliza Phillips (16), Tom Perkins (19), Carol Whitworth (19), Jason Wilson (19), Barbara Gephart (21), Anne Errington (23), Lynn Strange (23), Patsy Taylor (23), Bill Krebs (24), Ginni Reynolds (24), Roy Tripp (24), Cindy Baysden (25), Jeanne Mull (25), Mike Macloskie (26), Larry White (28), T.C. Carter (29), Tom Baumfalk (30), Liz Devoir (30), Mary Sondag (30), Ed Thayer (30).**

May God bless each of you on your special day and throughout the year ahead. We pray that your birthday is filled with joy, love, peace, and the many blessings of God's grace. Thank you for being such an important part of the St. Mark's family.

SERVING TODAY
9 a.m.
Acolyte: Carter Hoyt; **Lectors**: Glenda Lee Nutting & Sallie Stone
Eucharistic Ministers: Glenda Lee Nutting & Kathlyn Gray
Ushers/Greeters: Leigh Stone & Teege Culp
Vestry Person on Duty: Wendy Moore; **Sacristan**: Carter Hoyt
Videographer: Eilidh Mackenzie

11 a.m.
Acolyte: Sally Mayse; **Lectors**: Linda Jones & George Utter
Eucharistic Ministers: Barney Forsythe & George Utter
Ushers/Greeters: Scott Peters & Alison Davidow
Vestry Person on Duty: Charles Pinkham; **Sacristan**: Sally Mayse
Sunday School Leaders: Glenda Lee Nutting & Judy Utter

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The Right Reverend Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, **Bishop**
The Reverend Jenny Newman, **Rector**
The Reverend Ken Kraft, **Deacon**

Dr. Carol Hyde, **Choir Director and Pianist**
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